

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol was founded in 1941, and is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force; and,

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol's three-tier mission is Cadet Programs, Emergency Services and Aerospace Education; and,

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol flies more than 85% of all federal inland Search and Rescue (SAR) missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, with more than 100 people being saved every year by its members; and,

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol provides air and ground transportation, and an extensive communication network as they fly disaster relief officials to remote locations, and support local, state and national disaster relief organizations; and,

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol took on the role of fire spotters during the summer of 2002, flying more than 150 hours and spotting 43 fires for the South Dakota Wildland Fire Division; and,

Whereas, The Civil Air Patrol's goal is to provide healthy, responsible and fun alternatives to drugs and alcohol by hosting various drug- and alcohol-free events through their Drug Demand Reduction Program, as well as providing scholarships to cadets, funding military ceremonies and memorials, and demonstrating Fatal Vision goggles that simulate the effects of blood alcohol level on vision and movement; and,

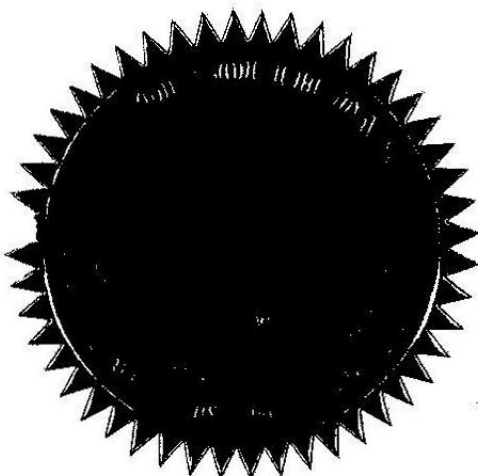
Whereas, The South Dakota Wing of the Civil Air Patrol will be holding its 2003 Wing Conference in Sioux Falls on March 21-23, 2003:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2003, as

CIVIL AIR PATROL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State